

UNAPPROVED
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
MAY 25, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Rockwell, Thomas Wilson, Linda Montague, Deborah Baker and Philip E. Mazzucco.

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Donald Lewis, William Meyer, Martina Barnes, John LaVecchia, Larry Novins and Jed Rubin.

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Letters were mailed out to twelve delinquent dog owners. The dog warrants will be mailed out on June 8, 2021.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. The education tax bill is in the orders tonight, amounting to \$297,800.00.
2. Received invoice for the kiosk at the Town Green for \$1,700.00. The post and frame for it will be installed on Saturday.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. COVID 19 update. Masks still required if not fully vaccinated.
2. Martina Barnes from the U.S. Forestry Service told us that forest management is underway to get bad quality wood out and create openings for wildlife. The PILT payment through the federal agency will give 25% of the timber proceeds to the Town for the education fund.
3. Michael Paxson of East Rupert sent a message that there is a solar glare facing his home from the solar panels next door.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway: been grading roads and applying chloride. A grant for work on Derby Hill Road has been obtained.
2. Debbie remarked that HUB 66 Broadband said they would be alone responsible for the pole they set up near the Town Garage or damage to anyone.
3. Both Charlie and Debbie said they need to get more information on how the Select Board members could set up Town based email accounts.
4. Kevin Saunders' memorial service is at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Town Green.
5. The sale of the two acres from the Town Green to Rupert Village Trust has closed.
6. Bill Meyer said the local Communications Union district will probably use a private company to do the work instead of the State.
7. Charlie asked if a permit request is on file for the Firehouse and Town land swap.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance sent a contract renewal. No action taken by the Board until an amount of the dues is in writing.
2. Motion by Charlie, seconded by Phil to adopt the revised Town Plan as of May 25, 2021. Motion carried. Hearing on the Town Plan opened at 7:30 p.m. and closed at 7:32 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Brett Lourie said that the fire hazard is very high in the area. Also, he has received a number of speeding complaints.

The Board went into executive session at 7:37 p.m. about a personnel issue and came out of executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Charlie, seconded by Debbie to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Montague
Select Board and Co-Chair.